

Appln No. 10/760,196
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Response to Office Action of July 13, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 4 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) in view of Silverbrook (US 6,347,864).
With respect, Applicant disagrees.

The Applicant wishes to reiterate the arguments presented in the previous Office Action which the Applicant feels have not been correctly considered by the Examiner.
The Examiner is correct in that Silverbrook teaches a replaceable printer cartridge 504 including a printing fluid storage. However, Silverbrook does not teach that the printhead 516, the air inlet 526 and the "one or more conduits" 522, 518, form part of the replaceable cartridge. That is, when the cartridge 504 is removed from the printer, the printing fluid is removed, but the printhead and the air inlet arrangement will remain.

By contrast, the present application teaches a unitary print cartridge which incorporates the print fluid storage and the printhead and the air inlet arrangement. The Applicant has amended the claim to better define that this cartridge is removably received in the inkjet printer. The cartridge can be removed and replaced from the inkjet printer, thus simultaneously removing the printing fluid storage and the printhead and the air inlet arrangement. The benefits of this construction are described at page 3, lines 6 to 14 of the present specification.

The Examiner has correctly identified that the cartridge taught by Silverbrook, ie cartridge 504, is removably mountable within the printer (column 2, line 28 as identified). However it is only the cartridge 504 that is described as being removable mountable, which cartridge does not include the printhead 516 nor the air inlet arrangement 522, 518. Thus the Applicant considers that Silverbrook cannot anticipate the invention as defined in now amended claim 1 and that therefore claim 1 is allowable.

As claims 2 to 4 depend on claim 1, the Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are also allowable.

The Applicant considers that this response is fully responsive to the Office Action. Noting the finality of the Office Action, the Applicant has proposed amendments to the claims that the Applicant considers clearly places the application in condition for allowance. Further consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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